Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Information for Providers

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School-Based Services Providers

The Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Update is the first source of program policy and billing information for providers.

Although the *Update* refers to Medicaid recipients, all information applies to BadgerCare recipients also.

Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare are administered by the Division of Health Care Financing, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services, P.O. Box 309, Madison, WI 53701-0309.

For questions, call Provider Services at (800) 947-9627 or (608) 221-9883 or visit our Web site at dhfs.wisconsin.gov/ medicaid/.

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Cost Reporting Required of School-Based Services Providers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is requiring Wisconsin to develop cost-based reimbursement for medical services provided in the school. The cost report that Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) has submitted to CMS for approval is available on the Medicaid Web site at *dhfs.wisconsin.gov/medicaid/sbs_56/index.htm*. The cost report is based on the Department of Public Instruction's Wisconsin Uniform Financial Accounting Requirements. This cost report and instructions have yet to be approved by CMS.

School-Based Services (SBS) providers will be required to submit a cost report no later than November 1, 2006, for the 2005-2006 school year. As the cost report has yet to be accepted by CMS, CMS may require changes to be made in the proposed report. The DHFS is providing this general information to SBS providers in preparation for the October cost report submission.

The cost report will require completion of a time study for allocation of costs between medical and education services for personnel in special education. Wisconsin Medicaid has proposed using a modified version of the Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) time study based on a statewide sample. All school districts providing services under the SBS benefit are required to participate in the statewide sample. The proposed time study is not yet approved by CMS and may require changes.

Once CMS has approved the cost report, final copies of the report and directions for submission will be made available to SBS providers.

Providers may call (608) 266-2469 with questions or for more information.